

The White Pages

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Parent/Guardian News

Events Calendar

October 28th - Bullying Awareness Assembly for Students
October 29th - PTO Recycling Event @ OMS
November 2nd - Bullying and Cyberbullying Community Discussion with Elizabeth Englander@ 6:30 OMS Auditorium - Public Welcome
November 8th - Conference Day - More information to come
November 10th - Veteran's Day Assembly for Students
November 11th - Veteran's Day - No School

Sherwood/Oak PTO Information

Calendar of Events

CELTICS: SMS Night at the CELTICS: December 9th 2016 and March 24th 2017

DANCES: The date for the Sherwood fall dance is Friday, October 21st. Kerrie Cutting will be helping to coordinate this dance. The spring dance will be Friday, May 5th.

GIFT CARDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Stay tuned for our SCRIPS program! Details to follow.

DANIELSON WREATHS FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Stay tuned for more info, contact is: Lauren Schmautz

OAKS GOT TALENT 2017: We are also looking for a new coordinator for Oak's Got Talent. The date for that is April 28th.

HELP WANTED:

MAGAZINE DRIVE – Runs November 2nd through the 16th 2016.

OAK cookie swap – December 15th

Staff breakfast – April 13th

End of year luncheon – June 2017

Dine & Donates – TBD

RED SOX GAME – TBD

Some dates will be finalized as the year progresses. Information will be shared via email and on our PTO Facebook page "<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ShrewsburyPTO/>"

Families are encouraged to register their grocery rewards cards at Stop and Shop and Price Chopper and their Target Red Card so that our middle schools can earn money when you shop.

Please join us for our meetings to learn more about upcoming events and fundraisers, understand how funds are being used at Sherwood and Oak, and get an update from Dr. Lizotte and Dr. Jones. Meetings will be held from 7-8pm on the following Mondays in the Oak Middle School Media Center: October 17th, November 28th, January 9th, February 13th, April 3rd, May 22nd

7 White Team and School Events

Team Leaders and Team Time

By: Brendan Galvin

Team Time: During team time we are working on a Halloween door decorating contest. There are 3 categories scary, creative and funny. We are allowed to pick a theme and decorate our door accordingly. We have already started to plan our doors, but the decorating is for a different day.

Team Leaders: The team leaders are putting together a talent show for the whole team.

Club and School Events

By: Keethu & Sophia

- Student Voice: The Student Voice Group is run by Mrs. (Lisa) Millett & Madame (Marylou) Luukko, we do different fundraisers like the Spirit of Shrewsbury
- Speech & Debate Club: The high school speech and debate club comes and runs the OMS S.P Club. We pick topics and we practice them in a way that appeals to the judges.
- Doctor Who Club: Annual who-liday
- Community Service and Leadership Club - Advisor Mrs. McCarthy
- Math Counts
- Science Fair Club
- Science Olympiad
- Select Choir
- Star Peer Mediator

- Yearbook

ACADEMICS

ELA

By: Keira Lenti

So far in ELA, we have learned how to read nonfiction text “the right way”. We have done this by reading articles and filling out a graphic organizer. A few of the articles we have read and analyzed are “Sacajawea”, “Easter Island”, and either “Roberto Clemente” or “Babe Didrikson”. We are also working on cover letters and proposals.

I interviewed Matt Amdur or Mr. Amdur as we call him, and here are a few questions I asked him:

What are we gonna learn in ELA this year?

We are going to be working through different ways of writing styles to “find your voice” as Mr. Amdur puts it. We will also be looking at different types of text such as historical nonfiction, short stories, and fairytales to get a deeper meaning of author's purpose and will be learning new research skills.

Why did you want to become an ELA teacher?

He told me he has “been fascinated by reading, writing, and the art of communication.” He said he has “always enjoyed this age group, ever since coaching the baseball team.”

What is your favorite part of the year?

“Coming back and meeting students”, he said. He also enjoys the units on fairytales and the “surprise” unit. And of course the color cup.”

Do you or did you play any sports?

He played baseball, basketball and crew in high school. He still coaches baseball and plays volleyball and golf.

World Geography

By: Madeline Duke and Caroline Foley

Our geography teacher is Mrs. McGrath. She has been teaching for 14 years. Mrs. McGrath enjoys spending time with friends and family, reading, skiing, and going outdoors. In geography, we recently took a trip to Heifer farm and learned about poverty and world hunger. At Heifer, we

were in groups and each group learned about a different country. We got to see what a house from that country could look like, and we prepared a meal that a typical family in poverty may eat for dinner. We are now doing a PBL (Project Based Learning Assessment) where we were assigned a group of 4 or 5 and had to choose a country to study. This PBL is taking place in all four classes, math, ELA, geography, and science. We then looked into what specifically is causing hunger in each of the country's. After this, we had to narrow down one cause for hunger in our area and find a way we could help prevent or make the situation better in our country. This is the first time that we have done this PBL in all four classes. After we complete the project, the students will vote on the projects that are the most creative and persuasive. Then in December the winners will be displayed at Heifer. Next, we will be learning about mapping, longitude, latitude, and how to use it compass roses.

Math

By Aleksander Harasim

In Math, our teacher, Ms. Boyajian, has been reviewing data analysis with us. This includes mean, median, mode, and IQR (inter-quartile range). We have also reviewed several graphs, including box-and-whisker plots and bar graphs. Our next unit is Accentuate the Negative. It will teach us how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide negative numbers and fractions. We will also learn how to use negative numbers in the real world.

Advanced Math

By Aleksander Harasim

Advanced Math is an opportunity for students who already know most of the unit by taking a pre-test. Everyone takes these pre-tests. The Advanced Math students go to the Media Center every Day 3 to do extension math problems. We have taken our pre-test for the next unit (Accentuate the Negative) that determines the Advanced Math group. The Advanced Math students are:

TW: Neil Wong, Abhi Vetukuri, Aleksander Harasim, Keerthana Jayamoorthy, and Abbey MacDonald.

AK: Ann Titus, Ksheeraja Ramanujam, Nikholas Srnka, William Shi, Roma Khanna, Joshua Bueno, and David Meyer.

ER: Deeptha Ganesh, Shayaan Chaudhary, Omer Alptekin, Reeya Kansra, and Chinmay Rana.

Science

by Beatriz Pereira, Luisa Francisco and Nicole Medeiros

In Science class with Mrs.Scibelli we were learning about the difference between living, non-living and dead things. We made a Keynote project on each word and we took a picture of something represents each category. We then had to explain the 6 characteristics and 4 needs that each example had.

After we came back from Heifer we did a group project for a week about our country. We learned about Biomes, Ecosystems, Food Webs and Food Chains. We then had to show examples of each of these in our country and how changes affects World Hunger.

We also learned about different types of microscopes and the history of people who invented them. We learned how to use them and did a lab called Microscope Mania that allowed us to use microscopes to view pond water, cells, and other games and activities that helped us to learn how a microscope works.

What we are going to be doing next in science, is we are going to study about cells and the organelles inside of each cell. We have started a new project to learn about all of the different organelles inside of cells. It's called "Sell Your Organelle" and we will have to pretend to be selling our organelle to our class mates. We will make an advertisement to teach each other about the different organelles.

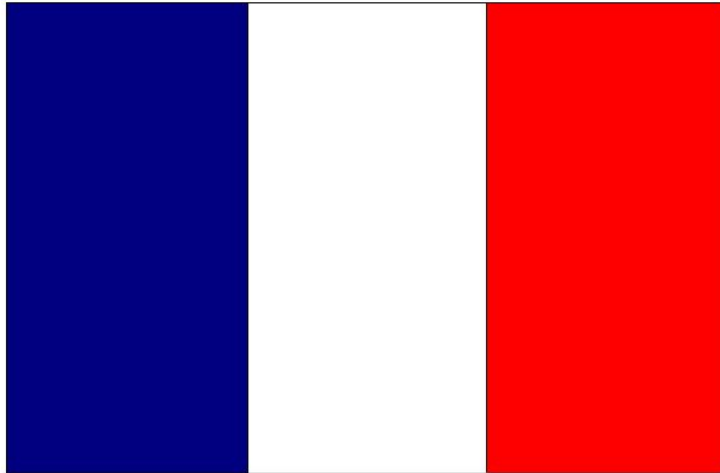
We asked Mrs. Scibelli about her favorite lab of the year and she said it is when we take DNA out of strawberries, and her favorite unit is Genetics.

Latin:

By: Caroline Foley and Madeline Duke

In Latin this year we have started to learn about the days and months. Also, in the beginning of every class we pledge allegiance in Latin. We also do something called "VSF" this is a vocabulary. We do this to learn the origin of words. What we have been working on in the past week or so, is a keynote project. In this project we talked about activities we do on what days and in what month(s)/ seasons. Now we have recently started learning numbers in Latin. We did an activity where you learn numbers in another language. When we did this we compared all of the languages and how they were similar. They were all very similar because Latin is the basis of all languages. We also made a keynote on the numbers and found pictures to represent those numbers. For the rest of the year, we will learn how to speak full sentences in Latin. Mr. Bellemer, our Latin teacher likes to play with his 2 year old son and he also likes to go on hikes and be outside.

French



By: *Brendan Galvin*

In French with Madame Bird, we are learning about school supplies and colors. We practice with a website called conjugemos. On conjugemos there are many things we can study with, such as a test, word searches or hangman. An example of some of the French we are learning is "Une calculatrice rouge coûte deux euro". This translates to "A red calculator costs 2 euros". In French we are also learning about how to say this or that. These are just some of the things we are learning about in French so "au revoir"! (Bye)

English Language Learners

By: Luisa Francisco, Beatriz Pereira, Nicole Medeiros

We interviewed Mrs. Beaton. In ELL we are currently learning about grammar, vocabulary and character traits.

What are we going to be learning this year? In ELL we will be reading some novels. After we read the novels, we will be analyzing the characters and plot. We will also be working on poetry, figurative language and more grammar. YAAAAAYYY!

What is Mrs. Beaton's favorite part of the year? Mrs. Beaton's favorite part of the year is October, because new students get to learn about Halloween for the first time.

Are we going to do any projects? If yes, what ?

Yes! At the end of October, we will be working on pumpkin carvings and wax paper leaves. Later in the year, we will work on projects about the novels that we are going to read.



The ELLs recently made Wax Paper Leaves and created projects explaining how they did it. Some students published their projects on Snapguide. To view their work, try these links: <http://snp.gd/gbu74u> and <https://snp.gd/ebvah4>

Spotlight Country = Thailand



By: Beatriz Pereira, Luisa Francisco and Nicole Medeiros

The spotlight country we will be talking about is Thailand.

The Capital of Thailand is Bangkok. Central Thai is the Official language and is used in schools. Other Thai dialects are spoken in various regions of the country.

The main forms of transportation in Thailand are trains, cars and bikes. The sports that are played in Thailand are Boxing, Golf and Badminton. In Thailand, it is appropriate to drink water at the end of (but not during) a meal.

Thailand's climate is mostly tropical. Cooler temperatures prevail in the north between November and February, but the rest of the year, especially April and May is fairly hot.

Learning Skills

By: Rene Roustand, Caroline Foley, Keira Lenti and Madeline Duke

7 White Learning Skills is taught by Mrs. Millett. This is a period when many students on team take a foreign language class. For those students who attend Skills, it is a time used mostly to catch up on work and to get more practice on lessons taught in our ELA, Math, Science and World Geography classes. Mrs. Millett writes an agenda for the class on the board so everyone will know what to do that class period. The first item on the agenda is always a warm-up exercise. We will often do 15 minutes of *Math IXL*, which is an app on the iPad that helps students with math concepts. Rene was rewarded for answering 500 questions on *IXL* and he has now answered 780 questions!

Sometimes students will work independently or in a group. Rene said his favorite part of Skills is when students get to choose what they want to work on that day. Students use apps like *Quizlet Live* to study for vocabulary assessments. They also work on creating procedural guides to help with math problems.

In Skills right now, students are working on inequalities and adding and subtracting positive and negative numbers for Math, researching organelles for Science and practicing map reading techniques, including how to correctly find a location using longitude and latitude coordinates in World Geography. Rene likes that if you have any time left you can do a educational app game on the Ipad!

Skills student poll: *How would you describe skills class? Do you have any favorite activities?*

"I like *Math IXL* and the activity breaks called *Go Noodle*." ~ Matt C.

"The teachers are funny and very helpful." ~ James C.

"We do a lot of math, sometimes it feels like a second math class." -- Ethan B.

"If you think you've got the **skills** to join, you better **millett** over." -- Will B. (Mull it over...get it?)

Allied Arts

The students on 7 White are already well on their way in each of the core classes. Students also have started their first allied arts rotation. These cycles are 30 days long and we are surprisingly very near to the end! For students first cycle, they may have:

- Visual art

- Drama
- Health
- Physical Education (P.E.)

Art

by Sophia Kelly and Keerthana Jayamoorthy

We interviewed Mrs. Colleen Connolly. She teaches Art at OMS. She has been teaching at OMS for four years. Mrs. Connolly became a teacher because she loved art as a kid. In Art this year we are going to learn about values,color theory and the different use of materials. Her favorite project that we will work on is soft pastels.

Some of Mrs Connolly favorite things are summer and Art projects. In the future, she would like to travel to Greece. Other fun facts about Mrs. Connolly, she has two cats who are very sweet

ART CORNER



By: Lauren



By: Keethu



By: Paris



Built by *Brendan Galvin*



By: Sophia

Sports News

By: Dominic Garbarino and Cameron Marques



7 White Cross Country-

Boys record is 5-0

Girls record is 4-1

The cross country members who are on 7 white are-

Madeline Duke

Dom Garbarino

Cam Marques

Dennis McNamara

Hailey Borys

Kelly MacCausland

Grace Creamer

Kyle Tevekelian

Aleks Harasim

Neil Wong

Tyler Curtis

Casey Wells

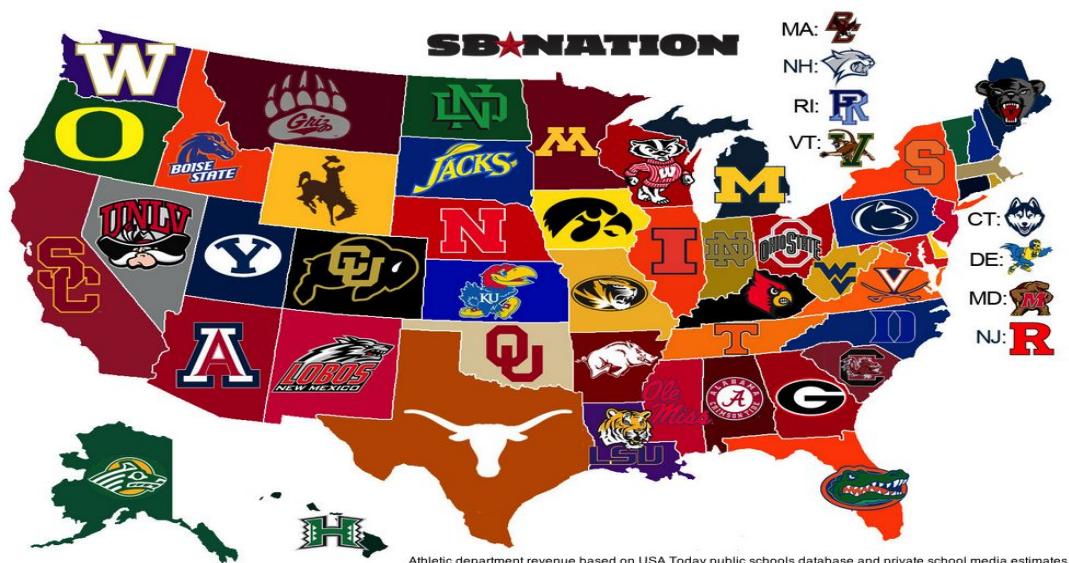
Shrewsbury Football Team

The Shrewsbury football team has been dominating their league, their record is 7-1. Their one loss was to the Marlboro Tigers. They are playing Tyngsborough, in their first playoff game.



Football

The NFL season it's on it's way with already a fourth of the regular season done, with only two teams still undefeated with a 4-0 record is the Broncos and Vikings. The standings for the AFC(American Football Conference) are the Patriots with a 3-1 record lead in the AFC East, Broncos lead with a 4-0 record AFC West, Ravens and Steelers are tied with 3-1 records in the AFC North, and the Texans lead with a 3-1 record in the AFC South. In the NFC(National Football Conference) the Eagles lead 3-0 in the NFC East, Rams and Seahawks are tied 3-1 for the NFC West, Vikings have 3-0 record leading in the NFC North, finally the Falcons lead 3-1 in the NFC South. Another exciting moment occurred in the NFL, two of the best players got off their suspensions Le'Veon Bell of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the best quarterback of all time Tom Brady for the New England Patriots.



College Football

The college football season has started off and there are many teams undefeated. The best team in the league right now is Alabama who is 5-0, but there are other teams that are 5-0 too. However, Alabama starts with an A so they are considered first. The top five teams are:

- Alabama 5-0
- Ohio State 4-0
- Clemson 5-0
- Michigan 5-0
- Washington 5-0



Baseball

The Post season has been heating up with only 5 teams remaining for a spot at a title. The Blue Jays are playing the Indians in the ALCS (American League Championship Series). The Cubs have made the spot for the NLCS (National League Championship Series), the Nationals and Dodgers are still battling for a spot in the NLCS. This will be an exciting chase for a World Series Title.

Hockey

Preseason has started and there has been a lot of trades and changes on different hockey teams. We think the best trade was P.K Subban. He is a very good defenseman and he was a free agent (any team could draft him as long as he said yes). The Nashville Predators got lucky enough to draft him. Another big draft was the Bruins, who picked up David Backes. He was the Blues best center.

Weather

By Rene Roustand

While last winter was a reprieve from shoveling and high fuel bills, the party's over. According to the 2017 Farmers' Almanac, "winter is back!" It will be exceptionally cold, if not downright frigid in New England this winter. There will be above-normal precipitation in New England states throughout most of the winter, especially February.